

VSA Council Minutes

January 31, 2010

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

2. Attendance

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the Minutes from 1/24

b. \$500 from Council Discretionary to Class of 2012

c. \$370 from Conference Fund to Happily Ever Laughter

4. Announcements

a. Fines

Finance listed a whole long list of fines.

5. Executive Board Reports

a. Activities

Activities announced that he had a good break. Currently they were reading org reports in Activities committee, since they have nothing better to do in their spare time. Terry Quinn and Ray Parker will be occasionally sitting in on the activities committee, sparking off fears of an administrative take-over, but Activities assured them that security would be high and the chances of a coup were slim. In addition, as some may have noticed, Betty is no longer outside the mug. This is because the liquor license moved from Vassar to Aramark. I miss Betty

2012 wondered if the Poughkeepsie police were able to enter the mug now that Aramark controls it. It seems that the po-po can always shut us down (down). In fact the po-po did shut us down (down) a few years ago from a police sting.

Raymond wanted to know why Ray Parker and Terry Quinn would be in the meeting. It seems that Ray Parker wanted to form a task force to see what is going on. Activities thought it would be easier to just let him come in.

b. Finance

Finance announced to a round of jovial chuckles that the VSA was in good financial health. Right now Finance committee is looking into somethings with CRC and they are hoping to rework the bylaws about fund apps, since he wasn't sure the current system was the best way to do things. Coming up is a 2nd round of capital budgeting, followed by annual budgeting.

6. Allocation of \$800 from Conference Fund to Polo Team

Finance moved to allocate \$800 to the Polo Team, since they beat Yale and now qualified

for Regionals. Unfortunately for the Polo Team, council did remember their existence, and they really remembered giving them a lot of money last week. On the other hand, argued most, Vassar actually beat Yale and that is pretty impressive. This set off a ferocious debate which cumulated in a remarkable Unanimous vote in favor--much to the confusion of everyone involved.

7. Allocation of \$2,500 from Conference Fund to African Students Union

Finance moved to allocate money to the ASU so that they could attend an international conference being held in the United States for the first time. Council was excited to finally see an org they had heard of before (I'm looking at you, Polo) and they were given the money.

8. Allocation of \$8,000 from Speakers and Lecturers to Black Students Union

Finance moved to allocate money so that BSU could hold a conference. This is the first conference in the last 40 years, the last was in '69. However, the conference couldn't happen without all the money. Operations moved to change the amount to \$9,000 and everyone was in favor.

9. Allocation of \$5,000 from Council Discretionary to Vice

Activities moved to close council.

Council was closed. Oh man, you should have been there. It was epic. They even had this one guy who...wait. I can't say that. Man...you just should've been there.

All were in favor.

10. Allocation of \$5,000 from Council Discretionary to Shuttle

Finance moved to give the Shuttle some money. It seems that the bus plan had been caught with some political trouble (something about running over a hooker). Until it could be fixed, they were sticking with the Shuttle system, which needed money. According to the Pres, a lot of people like the shuttle. All were in favor.

11. Amendment to Article VI, Section 3, Part of the VSA Constitution

All were in favor.

12. Amendment to Article I: Section 12

This would Combine CRC with the appointments committee.

All were in favor.

13. Strike Article V: Section 8; Article VI: A11 of the VSA Bylaws

According to operations this would streamline things and make the bylaws less "sketchy." Academics was all for it.

All were in favor.

14. Open Discussion

117 Days left.

2011 wanted to know why we were not told about the cuts to summer programs. According to Academics they decided to notify the people involved in the depts first and then the rest of the school. This was not a great decision. 2011 read some from the Misc Editorial (good work, Misc.) and made a point about America's favorite Buzz-word: Transparency. Strong felt that they should complain. The Notetaker felt that the 2010 proxy looked like Scott Radimer, only shorter. They finally agreed that they should complain about it, to someone, somehow...maybe.

Operations moved to appoint Brian _____ to TH Programming Director. All were in favor.

Operations then moved to appoint a 2nd person to TH Programmin Director. All were in favor.
(Yeah, don't ask me.)

Finance moved to transfer \$800 from Conference to Council Discretionary. All were in favor.

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:31